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## CITY COMMISSION

### Discrimination ordinance passes; decision finally laid to rest

#### Commissioners vote 3-2 in second reading

Danny Davis  
senior staff writer

The City Commission passed a discrimination ordinance with a 3-2 vote last night. Commissioner Jayme Morris-Hardeman, Commissioner Jim Sherow, and Mayor Bruce Snead voted in favor of the ordinance. Bob Strawn and Loren Pepperd cast the dissenting votes.

This ordinance adds sexual orientation and gender identity to the protected classes list, alongside items such as color, military status and religion.

"I'm completely, totally opposed to the ordinance without reservation," Strawn said.

Pepperd called the ordinance an entitlement and said he be-

lieves a minority, not a majority, wanted the ordinance.

"This is about equal rights," Snead said. "It's not about special rights or special protections. It's about equal protections."

After the amendment passed, Samuel Brinton, president of LGBTQ&More at K-State, called the day an "exciting day in history" and said he was glad Manhattan was catching up with K-State with its protections for LGBT persons.

Snead said in a state like Kansas, it is often hard to be a leader on issues such as the discrimination ordinance. But he believed the process has turned out a good ordinance for the community.

"It's the right thing to do," Snead said.

Commissioners began discussion of the ordinance with a presentation by Katie Jackson, assis-

tant city attorney. Jackson initially made a presentation last December when the ordinance was first presented.

Her presentation at last night's meeting was updated to reflect the work of city administrators since the December reading. The changes made to the ordinance were the result of discussions at the December meeting.

Several key changes were made. Notably, the term gender identity was given a definition. According to the ordinance, it is defined as "a person's good faith and continuing presentation of the person's gender-related identity, appearance, mannerisms, or other gender-related characteristics, which may or may not be consistent with the person's biological sex."

The definition of gender identity was one of the issues that

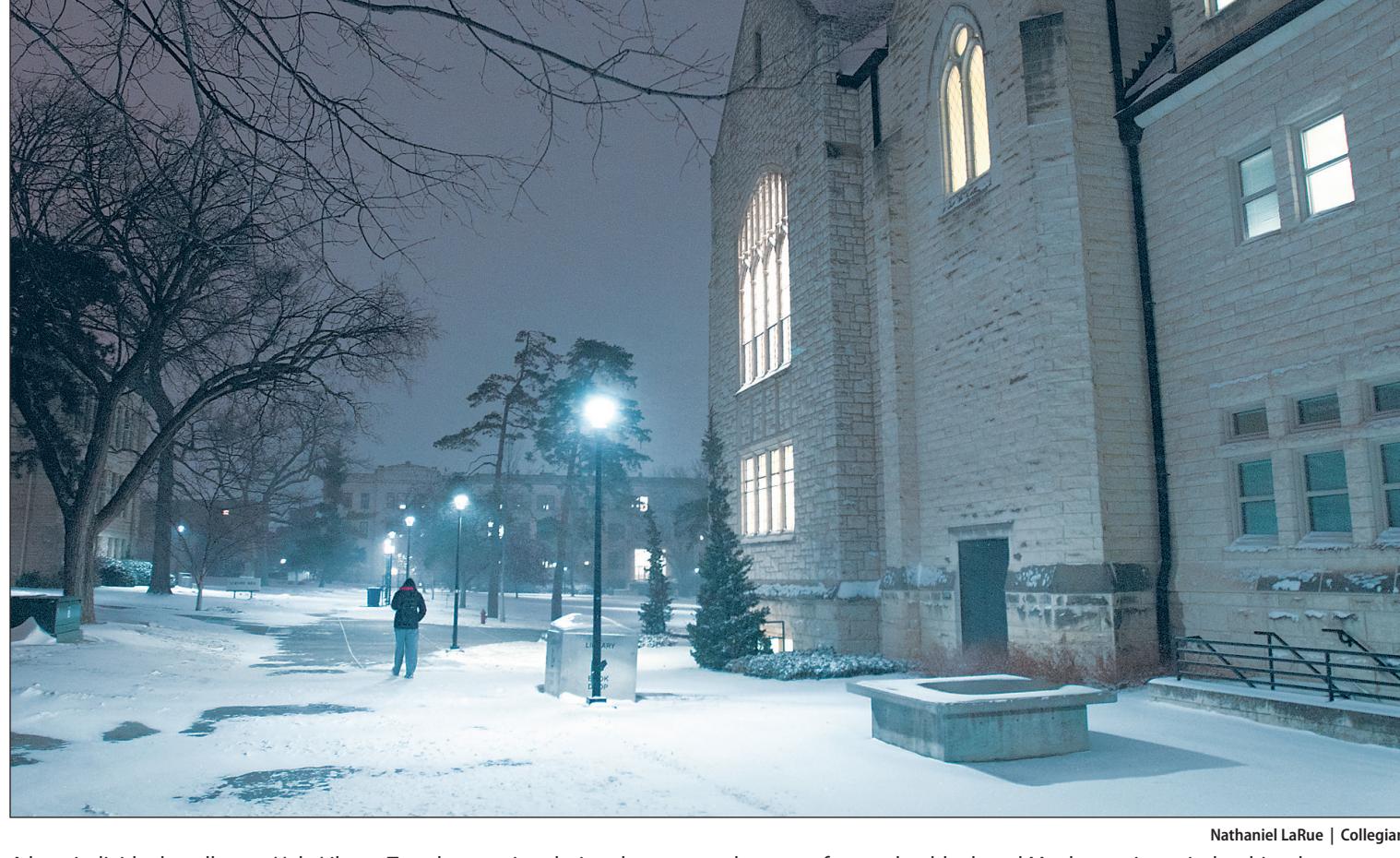
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Members of the Manhattan community gather in both support and opposition for the city commission meeting in the hallway at the city government building on Pontz for the conclusion of the hearing on the gay equality bill got passed Tuesday night.

## BITTER COLD



A lone individual strolls past Hale Library Tuesday evening during the constant barrage of snow that blanketed Manhattan in a windy white sheet.

### Grice, Rauth focus on tuition issues in campaign

#### Push for another system, more predictability to quell financial woes

Danny Davis  
senior staff writer

John Grice, senior in political science, and Natalie Rauth, senior in mass communication and marketing, filed a campaign for student body president and vice president. A key tenant of their campaign, Grice said, is a focus on the retention rate of students.

"Students can't plan financially ahead for next year or don't feel connected to their classes or the university," Grice said.

Most campaigns over the years, he said, focus on issues such as safety and sustainability. Their campaign interviewed students to find what issues matter most, he said.

"We want the issues to drive

our campaign," Grice said. "Safety is talked about each year."

Grice and Rauth said they believe the current tuition system is one of the issues responsible for the low retention rate of students. According to K-State's Office of Planning and Analysis, the freshmen retention rate in 2008 was 79 percent.

They did extensive research of other universities with a retention rate similar to K-State's, Grice said. Their campaign proposes switching to a fixed rate tuition structure — like the one being used at the University of Kansas, for instance — instead of the current fluctuating tuition system.

With a fixed rate system, students would pay slightly more their freshman year, he said, but would pay less than normal during their senior year.

Grice said they spoke with

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Courtesy Photo

Local project receives award

#### Community organizers recognized for hard work

Sam Diederich  
news editor

The Flint Hills Human Rights Project has been active in the Manhattan community long enough to have already achieved a number of "firsts." In the last year alone, the organization has organized rallies, speeches and awarded scholarships to local college students. With so much accomplished and so many "firsts" conquered, it seemed appropriate for the seasoned Human Rights Project to receive the first annual award from an organization new to the community.

The Kansas Statewide Transgender Education Project, or K-STEP, awarded its first annual Key Award to the Flint Hills Human Rights Project for its efforts in expanding transgender education awareness and equality in Kansas.

Stephanie Mott, founder of K-STEP, said the Human Rights Project deserved the award after its involvement with the proposed city ordinance designed to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

"They stayed the course in making sure that gender identity was included in the city ordinance rather than just taking the easier path of only ensuring equality for people of different sexual orientations," Mott said. "They have demonstrated the true concept of justice which is justice for everybody."

Jonathan Mertz, chair of the board of the Flint Hills Human Rights Project, said the organization was proud to receive K-STEP's first annual award.

"We are very excited and honored," Mertz said. "When I sent the announcement to the board, that K-STEP wanted to honor us, the response was overwhelmingly positive. It was not something we expected."

Mott said she hopes the Key Award will not only reward an organization for its efforts, but also help spread awareness of the transgender lifestyle.

"We believe that knowledge and information are the keys to acceptance and understanding, and that by helping people learn more about the transgender community, we can break down barriers that cause political friction," Mott said.

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## Competition looks for 'next big thing'

### Entrepreneurial event attracts bright ideas from all over campus

Sam Diederich  
news editor

Be nice to your classmates, because - with the help of K-State's Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship - the next Mark Zuckerberg could be sitting in the next desk over.

This year, the center will hold its third annual entrepreneurial competition, an all-university event titled "The Next Big Thing."

Jeffrey Hornsby, professor of management and director of the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship, said the competition is meant to generate fresh business ideas.

"The purpose of the competition is to foster entrepreneurial thinking in students from every area of campus," Hornsby said. "The theory behind the competition is to find groups of students or an individual student with an idea for the future, and assess the feasibility of it."

Hornsby originally organized the competition when he came to K-State from Ball State University.

"We launched 'The Next Big Thing' the last two years I was there," Hornsby said. "When I came here, we wanted to do something right out of the gate to generate some excitement when we launched the center."

The competition has four categories in which students can compete, including product, service and social entrepreneurship. The final category, a graduate student division, comprises all three specialties.

In the product and service categories, students create the beginnings of a business plan for a product or service they want to build around.

"They take their idea and they have to write a basic business model. How is this business going to make money? How will you fund it?" Hornsby said. "It's

a basic financial projection in terms of analyzing what your rough start up costs might be when you launch your venture."

The last category available to undergraduate students is social entrepreneurship, which is new to this year's competition.

"This is a whole category for developing a venture that advances the social good and impacts people," Hornsby said. "It's based on advancing the social good rather than making money."

The first place winner from each of the four categories receives \$2,000 to help get the business idea off the ground, and other top-five finishers also receive cash prizes. Past winners have experienced some success with their business plans.

"We've had several students who have actually launched a business with what they have written about in 'The Next Big Thing,'" said Chad Jackson, outreach coordinator and project manager for the competition.

Winning ideas have ranged from sushi restaurants to fundraisers for inner city schools, and many plans have come from students outside of the College of Business.

"We have a broad representation from all colleges. I would say business students are the minority, in fact," Jackson said. "Students who come out of the arts typically do well because they have a unique product they can offer. Students from ag or art or English usually have a unique idea."

This year, Jackson said the competition has already received interest from more than 200 students, but the popularity of the competition does not stop faculty from giving personal instruction.

"Students have the opportunity to watch online videos that can help them write a proposal, especially if they have never done it before," Jackson said. "If any student has an idea, if nothing else, contact me and we can talk about it. I meet with students on a regular basis."

## Student provides leadership, unity by listening



Seth Ellis II, president of the Black Student Union, stands next to a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. poster in the K-State Student Union Tuesday afternoon.

### Black Student Union stresses togetherness with new slogan

Hayley Henry  
junior staff writer

**Editor's Note:** This article is the first installment in a series of stories profiling the presidents of K-State's student and faculty organizations. Check Friday's paper for the second installment.

Founded on the idea to create a unified voice and mobilized body for the black community on campus, a group of like-minded, concerned and highly determined individuals created the Black Student Union. Today, the Black Student Union possesses those same values and more. This year the group is

promoting unity through the slogan, "I am because we are."

"As a group we have major impact on the individual, and as an individual have a major impact on the group," said President Seth Ellis II about this year's theme. Ellis incorporates this theme into his leadership style to keep the group striving to exceed the standards of the mission statement.

"The Black Student Union strives to produce leaders of tomorrow, cultural and political awareness and most importantly a comfortable environment for members and K-State," Ellis said.

Equipped with motivation and passion, Ellis began his presidency for the BSU to help create a positive impact on the K-State campus.

"The job has taught me how to understand what people

want and the importance of knowing my role," Ellis said.

"I have learned how to attentively listen to others and make quick judgments."

Myra Gordon, the associate provost of diversity and dual career development, described Ellis' presidency.

"Seth is doing a superb job in leading our BSU this year. Apparently, leadership is in the DNA, because his sister Carmen was also an outstanding BSU president," Gordon said.

"What I like most about Seth is his strong cultural identity, his deeply thoughtful and disciplined manner and his dedication to making BSU the best it can be on his watch. We are fortunate to have Seth Ellis in this role. This young man will go far, and the world will be better for it."

Throughout Ellis' presidency, he has overseen several

community service projects that have greatly affected the Manhattan and K-State community, although the biggest impact the group has on the K-State campus is the events that occur during Black History Month.

The group has various activities throughout the month of February planned to educate and promote Black History month. Ebony theater's award winning "Colored Girls" will be showing on campus Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Hall, and the BSU will also be co-hosting the film "An Imitation of Life" Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Leadership Studies Building.

"Black History month is a major event for us and the K-State community," Ellis said. "It is a time to learn about black culture and what makes America great."

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# HIGH EXPECTATIONS

## Kynard Jr. came to K-State to become the best; now he is

Justin Nutter  
sports editor

Erik Kynard, Jr., is a sophomore high jumper on the K-State track and field team. A native of Toledo, Ohio, Kynard has already earned two All-America selections during his time in Manhattan, and he currently ranks No. 1 in the country despite having less than two years of collegiate experience. Kynard recently sat down to discuss a variety of topics, including his journey to K-State and what he hopes to achieve before he graduates.

**Q: Looking at your high school stats, you were a two-time national champion and a pretty highly touted recruit. When did you start to focus on high jumping?**

A: I actually started high jumping off of a bet. I had joined the track team, but me and my brother, we didn't want to run, so we just tried that. I tried it and I was good and stuck with it, but I didn't start getting serious about it until after my freshman year. My freshman year, I went to state and lost. That was my first experience with losing. I got serious and I transferred schools, got with another coach.

**Q: Did that make a big difference in your performance?**

A: I came in second the next year at state. My junior year, I won it and I won the indoor national championship. I competed in the U.S. Olympic trials and I was on the world junior team in Poland. The next year, I came back and I repeated indoors. I got hurt in the midst of the outdoor season, but I also won the outdoor national championship and a state championship.

**Q: How serious was the injury that you suffered?**

A: I injured my hip flexor. It was pretty serious. At my regional before state, I actually wasn't going to compete, but in the spur of the moment, I just got up and jumped. I came in fourth place to qualify and I ended up winning it. I couldn't really run. I just walked up to the bar. I waited until the last bar when there were



Erik Kynard, Jr., attempts high jump at the R.V. Christian Track at K-State. Kynard, Jr., competed in the last U.S. Olympic trials; he is currently ranked No. 1 in high jump.

just three people left and I cleared it.

**Q: Is high jumping an event where coaching can make or break an athlete?**

A: Oh yes, coaching can make a great difference. If it didn't, I wouldn't have come to Manhattan. Anything specific, just like technically, track and field isn't just a pure talent sport. You've got to learn. It's just like basketball. You can have one of the best players ever, but if you don't have the four other guys around him and a support system, he'll be nothing.

**Q: Coach (Cliff) Roveto has somewhat of a history with successful high jumpers. When**

**did you first hear of him?**

A: He was like the last coach I heard from actually. I didn't hear back from him until after I came back from Europe my junior year. I was waiting, because I was at the Olympic trials and all of the jumpers were like "You need to go to Kansas State," so I put it on my list. I only went on three visits. I went to Arkansas because of the track background, I came here and I went to Ohio State, just somewhere close to home. I decided to come here because I wanted to get better.

**Q: Looking at where you're at now, can you talk about the difference in the level of**

**competition?**

A: Last year, I had a very hard time because it was my first year in college. There was a lot going on outside of track. I really didn't compete to the level of my expectations. I felt like I put a lot of pressure on myself. I began questioning if I wanted to even continue doing this. I was trying to live up to other people's expectations instead of my own. I kind of broke it down mentally and got back to it. I came to Coach and asked him what I needed to do. I built myself back up and got it together.

**Q: How much was Roveto able to help you get back on track?**

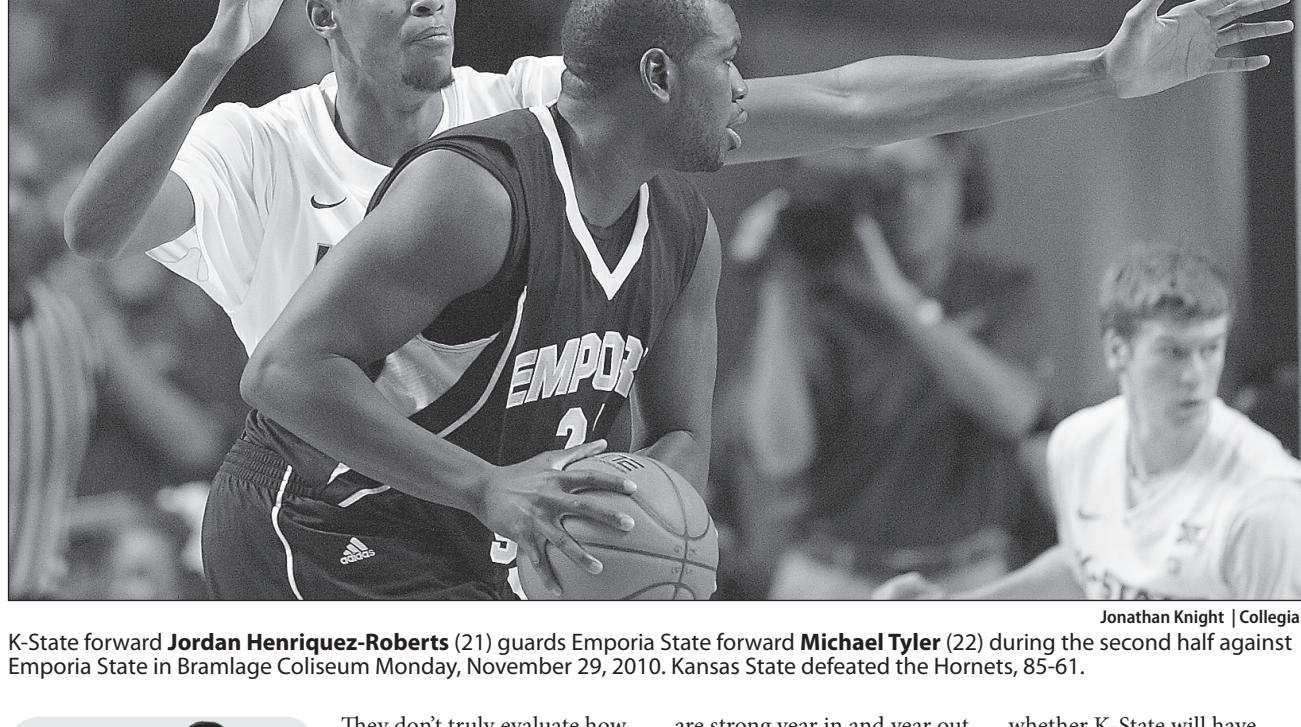
A: He was a deciding factor. He's

kind of nonchalant with it. He's not an "all in your face" kind of guy and he's not a man of many words. It was what I needed to hear. He knows what to say and when to say it.

**Q: Now that you're living up to your own expectations again, what are some goals you'd like to accomplish before you graduate?**

A: I want to win the NCAA every year from now on, indoors and outdoors. I have a nice little resume with track and field under my belt, so it will be easy for me to venture out and hit European circuits and pursue this on a professional level, but right now, I just want to win and compete at a high level. That's it.

## K-State men could learn from KU, women



K-State forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts (21) guards Emporia State forward Michael Tyler (22) during the second half against Emporia State in Bramlage Coliseum Monday, November 29, 2010. Kansas State defeated the Hornets, 85-61.



Chris Wallace

February has begun and conference season is in full swing for the Big 12 Conference. Currently, K-State stands at 16-8 and is 4-5 in conference play. All that would be fine, given the Wildcats' schedule so far this season. Tough road games against the University of Kansas, Texas A&M, Missouri and Oklahoma State are never easy victories. Throw in a loss to a surprising Colorado team at home and you have yourself five losses through conference play.

We all know about the hype. Preseason conference champs, All-Americans, No. 3 ranking. All of it seems to be a distant memory now, almost dreamlike.

Sometimes this happens. Preseason rankings and awards are just that: preseason.

They don't truly evaluate how a team will perform during the season. If you look closely at K-State entering this year, the worries that critics had regarding the team seem to be justified. The team misses players like Denis Clemente, Luis Colon and Dominique Sutton. All of them had crucial roles on the team last season and it's been a struggle to find replacements for those players.

But let's take a look at the team down the road on I-70. KU lost Cole Aldrich, Sherron Collins and Xavier Henry. All three of those players were highly touted recruits, two of whom were drafted in the NBA draft. K-State lost three role players, none of whom were drafted, and KU lost two NBA talents and a three-year starter.

Yet, look at KU's record. The Jayhawks are 23-1 with their only loss coming to Texas in a tough game at home. How is it that the Jayhawks can lose that talent and still be a strong team while K-State is scrambling to stay alive?

The answer is fairly simple: head coach Bill Self has built a dynasty at KU. Their teams

are strong year in and year out. Sure, they have bad games (see Northern Iowa, NCAA round of 32), but they consistently play at a high enough level to warrant NCAA tournament selections and very often receive top seeds in the tournament.

If you're like me, I hate praising the Jayhawks as much as anyone. So, we can even take a look at the other basketball teams at K-State, the women's team. Head coach Deb Patterson once again has her team near the top of the Big 12 with a 6-2 record in conference play and a 16-5 record overall. The women's team is two wins away from reaching 800 wins as a program. Only 11 other schools in the country have reached that milestone. This season will likely be her 11th season with the women's team playing in postseason basketball. She has taken the team and made them a consistent threat to any Big 12 team. Last I checked, they have actually won conference titles in the Big 12, while the men's team has zero.

Establishing consistency will be the key to deciding

whether K-State will have the staying power that we so desperately want. For starters, K-State needs to stay relevant in recruiting throughout the country. I am not an expert on how our coaching staff goes about getting their talent, but just one year with mediocre recruits can turn into a disastrous season. Every year at KU and Duke, the coaches bring in top level talent and turn them into solid college basketball players.

There are very few five-star recruits that don't turn into top contributing players on any of those teams. The explanation is simple: every player who is recruited to that team has a purpose and their role will gel with that system.

Either way, this season's squad hasn't been able to establish their role or style of play. And until they can figure out what is going to work, not just for this season but for following years as well, they won't be able to call themselves an elite basketball team.

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## "JO" stepping up to fill voids on team

Ashley Dunkak  
senior staff writer

### The Basics

- Scores 3.3 points per game
- Grabs 3.9 rebounds per game
- Plays 11.7 minutes per game

### The Extras

- As a freshman and sophomore in high school, he played with Curtis Kelly and the University of Connecticut's Kemba Walker at Rice High School in New York City.

- Jordan nabbed a team-high 8 rebounds against James Madison - in the first game of this season - and against Iowa State - the Wildcats' most recent opponent.

- In K-State's painful loss to Missouri, Jordan scored 14 points in 17 minutes on 5-of-5 shooting from the field.

more to the game of his "little brother" - whom he has known since high school - than meets the eye. There are many different aspects of it - facing up, shooting three-pointers - that he hasn't shown yet.

And according to Kelly, even another dimension of Jordan's game exists: the one even Jordan doesn't recognize yet.

"JO" doesn't know his potential, and it's unfortunate he doesn't know his potential because that'd help build his confidence a little bit more if he knew how good he was," Kelly said. "As he continues to get better, continues to show the world what he can do, I think his confidence will build, and that'll help his game."

The sophomore, who has played in all 24 games and started once, just wants to be a steady contributor to his team.

"I know that, through all our ups and downs, there's been guys that stepped up and there's been guys that stepped down," Jordan said, "and I do want to be that person to step up and stay consistent throughout the season."

With the recent subtraction of forwards Wally Judge and Freddy Asprilla from the lineup, Jordan's contributions have become even more important for the Wildcats, and as the tallest guy on the team, he has much to offer.

Kelly said there is much

## RIGHTS | Project paves way for LGBT

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Project has been active in the proposal of a city ordinance that would make it illegal for employers, landlords and businesses to discriminate against a particular sexual orientation or gender identity.

When the organization began its involvement with the ordinance, they had to decide whether or not to include transgender individuals in the proposal. There was some fear that including the transgender community in the proposal would make it more unlikely to pass due to public misconceptions.

"I think it's extraordinarily difficult for people to wrap their mind around why someone born with a particular biological sex would want to change their gender," Mott said. "I think there are people out there that are afraid of what they don't understand."

Mertz and the Human Rights Project decided to include the transgender community in the proposal, a decision that was easy to come to for the board.

"Our board was unanimous in that we had to include gender identity. We decided that if the ordinance did not include gender identity, we would not be able to support it," Mertz said. "It was just the right thing to do."

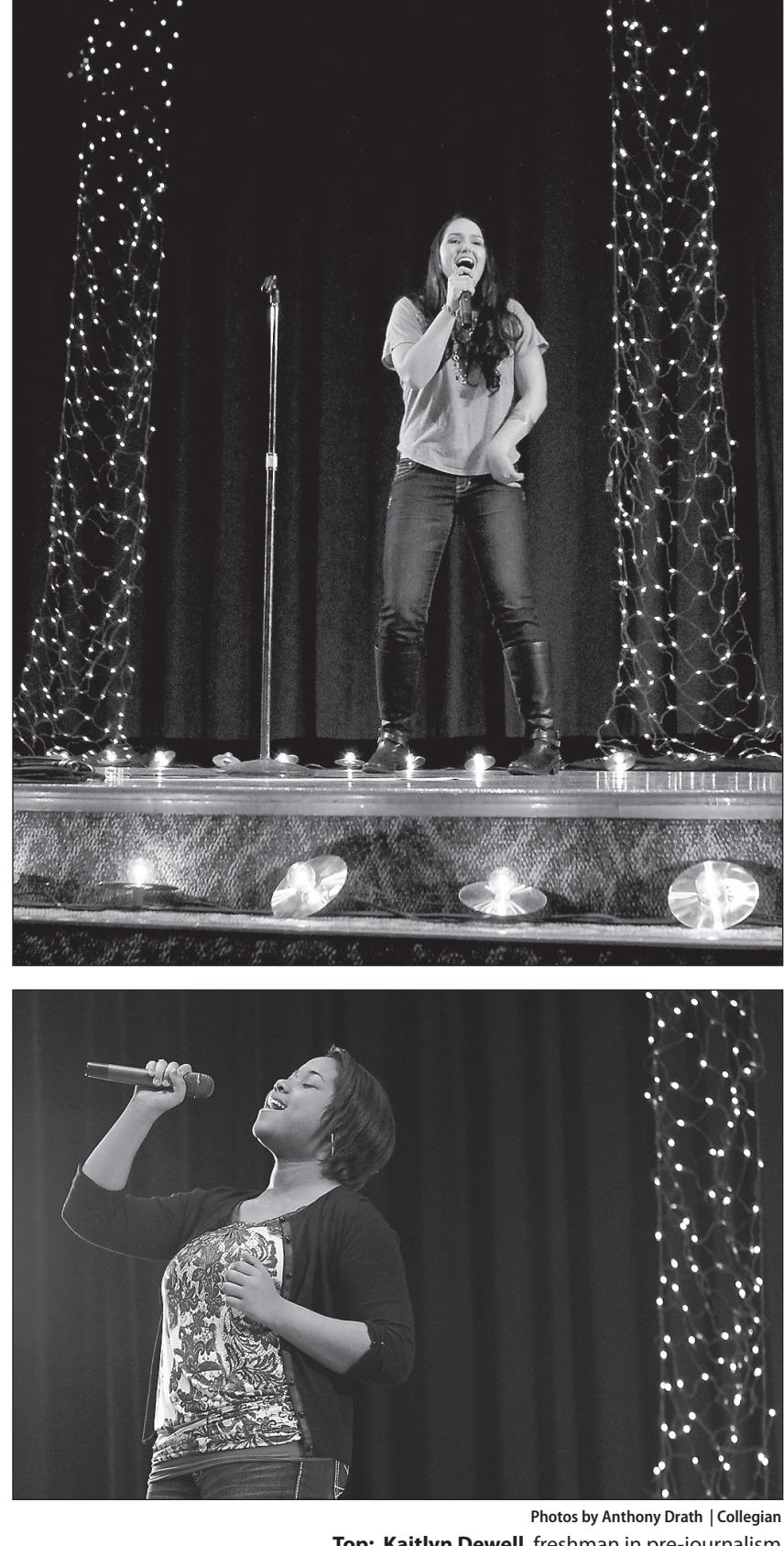
Other than the proposed city ordinance, the Flint Hills Human Rights Project has been involved in financing and awarding student scholarships and organizing community events for members of the LGBT community.

"The Flint Hills Human Rights Project has been very instrumental in helping students get more involved with different political and social activities," said Brandon Haddock, student service coordinator for the LGBT Resource Center on K-State's campus. "They've been getting people registered to vote as well as getting them to get involved with the debate of the new ordinance."

Regardless of the final outcome of the anti-discrimination ordinance, Mott said it is important to recognize the efforts of organizations like the Flint Hills Human Rights Project.

"The effort is really what we are looking at," Mott said. "That somebody is out there trying to make the world a better place for transgender people. Someone needs to say 'well done.'"

# IDOLISTIC



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**K-State Idol**  
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**Top:** Kaitlyn Dewell, freshman in pre-journalism and mass communications, won this year's K-State Idol. Dewell preformed "Skinny Dippin'" by Whitney Duncan Tuesday night in Forum Hall.  
**Above:** Mercedes Waker, junior in family studies and human services, belts out "At Last" by Etta James Tuesday night at K-State Idol.

## New recycling program takes aim at residence halls

### Students given more opportunities to be green

Sam Diederich  
news editor

Residents of K-State residence halls and Jardine apartments will soon have the opportunity to increase their recycling output while halving their recycling efforts.

A new recycling program will start up in the residence halls and apartments in March that John Woods, director of facility services, said will provide students with a simplified recycling process.

"They are putting containers out around most of the dorms, big 95 gallon rubber made containers," Lander said. "The people in the dorms or in Jardine will just have to take their recyclables and deposit them in the containers."

The current recycling program has run into problems with the sorting of recyclable material. Woods said students and faculty have been co-mingling recyclables, which makes the recycling process much more inefficient.

"The current program doesn't work well unless students separate their products and put them in the right bins," Woods said. "If it's all mixed,

then efforts are useless."

The revised program will supply each individual residence hall room and Jardine apartment with a recycling bin of its own. Residents will be able to place all recyclable material in one bin and then sort it as they drop it off in the larger depositories.

"We hope to make it easier for students to collect their recycling and take it down to the bins and sort them," said Nick Lander, assistant director for residence life.

The expanded program is made possible by a \$4,500 grant secured by Woods and Lander. The Alcoa Foundation, one of the world's largest producers of aluminum, awards grants to schools and athletic venues looking to improve recycling efforts.

"We actually put in the proposal in September, and I worked with John, and he and I put together some information and found out in November that we had been approved," Lander said.

Though the new program is designed to make recycling easier for students, Lander said there will still be some effort required by each individual resident.

"I think that it is an individual choice," Lander said. "We can put together a lot of opportunities but it's a matter of students buying into it and wanting to participate."

Zack Pistora, senior in politi-

cal science and president of Students for Environmental Action, said he tried to get recycling efforts organized during his time as a resident assistant in Goodnow Hall, and that this new program is a positive step for the residence halls.

"I was in the dorm two years ago, and they had just put in more recycling bins outside. Before that, we just had to find volunteers to run stuff up to Howie's (Recycling and Trash Service)," Pistora said. "I think this program is a good first step to getting students involved in the process."

Besides getting students involved, Pistora also thinks recycling bins in each room will raise awareness of how much waste is produced per person.

"I think once people start collecting things in their room, they will see how much one or two people consume on a daily basis," Pistora said. "Hopefully that will make them cut their usage of plastic bottles and water bottles."

Lander gave the residence halls a grade of a "B- or C+" on its current recycling efforts and said he hoped the new system would bring the grade up to a "B or B+."

"I'm optimistic this is a step in the right direction," Lander said. "We will have to look at the next level, that 'A' level, and see how we can get there."

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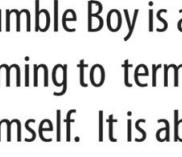
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## K-State's first 'I Am Second'

### Students start local chapter of national ministry group

Sam Diederich  
news editor

As the expression goes, there is more than one way to skin a cat. It seems there is also more than one way to conduct a ministry group.

Jared Thomas, senior in industrial engineering, and Katie Christensen, junior in athletic training, are starting a K-State chapter of a national ministry group called I Am Second.

"It is an organization that started in Texas, which is where I am from, and it's about finding your purpose in life, and exploring God and religion and faith on a more relaxed atmosphere," Christensen said. "It's more focused on personal stories and experiences, and not on more complicated things."

On their website, I Am Second says authentic stories from real people are meant to "provide insight into dealing with typical struggles of everyday living."

The website features stories from former NFL head coach Tony Dungy, former Oklahoma Sooners quarterback Sam Bradford, and current Texas Rangers baseball player Josh Hamilton.

"Josh Hamilton has some stories on the website. He struggled with alcohol and drug addiction, and now he's just really focused on getting back with God," Christensen said.

"Other people deal with how they face divorce or an abusive partner. It's a more realistic situation because these are the experiences of

actual people."

Christensen said the ministry group offers small, student-led group discussions rather than large assembly-style worship. She hopes the smaller group setting will encourage people to be more open about their experiences and beliefs.

"Our main goal and purpose is just to let people know about the opportunity. Once you get involved in a small group and people are interested, you just want to affect as many people as possible," Christensen said.

Thomas said he became interested in I Am Second after experiencing some of the larger ministry groups on campus.

"I used to be with Navigators, and I did small group Bible studies and that was really essential in finding my purpose in life," Thomas said. "This group is more student-led, though. There are not any staff members. It's going to be a really comfortable situation for people who might be intimidated."

K-State is not the first Big 12 school to start a chapter of I Am Second. According to Christensen, the University of Texas and Texas Tech have chapters. According to [iamsecond.com](http://iamsecond.com), there are currently 762 small groups across the country.

Thomas hopes to maintain the small group feel even as the K-State chapter grows.

"Hopefully, we are able to grow enough that we can have several separate small groups get together once a week or so," Thomas said. "That kind of atmosphere is essential for me and other people I know."



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# SUCKED IN

## Hyperion immerses readers in characters, story, setting

### "Hyperion"



Book review by Karen Ingram

Dan Simmons' "Hyperion" is one of those books that I've been trying to get around to reading for years, but didn't. I now regret that, because I feel as though I've squandered all that time when I could have been reading more of Simmons' work, but better late than never.

"Hyperion" takes readers to a distant future where the Earth is dead and human beings have colonized other worlds. An upcoming war with the Ousters has prompted seven people to be chosen for a pilgrimage on the planet Hyperion. Their mission is to seek out a sort of mythical, machine-like creature called the Shrike who can control time and seems to have a taste for blood.

While these pilgrims

venture to the Time Tombs to find the Shrike, they decide to get to know one another and each tell their story about why they are there. As I reached the first backstory about the Priest and realized it was over fifty pages long, I thought to myself, "Oh no, and I have to read six more of these? Why did he even bother giving the book a plot?"

So, yes, the book is a bit like Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales." Although the pilgrimage and Shrike are interesting and intriguing parts of the book, they take a back seat while the focus is on each of the seven main characters. I wasn't thrilled with "The Canterbury Tales," so my expectations were not very high for "Hyperion," but Simmons proved me wrong. This book is phenomenal. Immediately, I got sucked into the incredible stories that each of these richly developed characters had to share. I found myself not

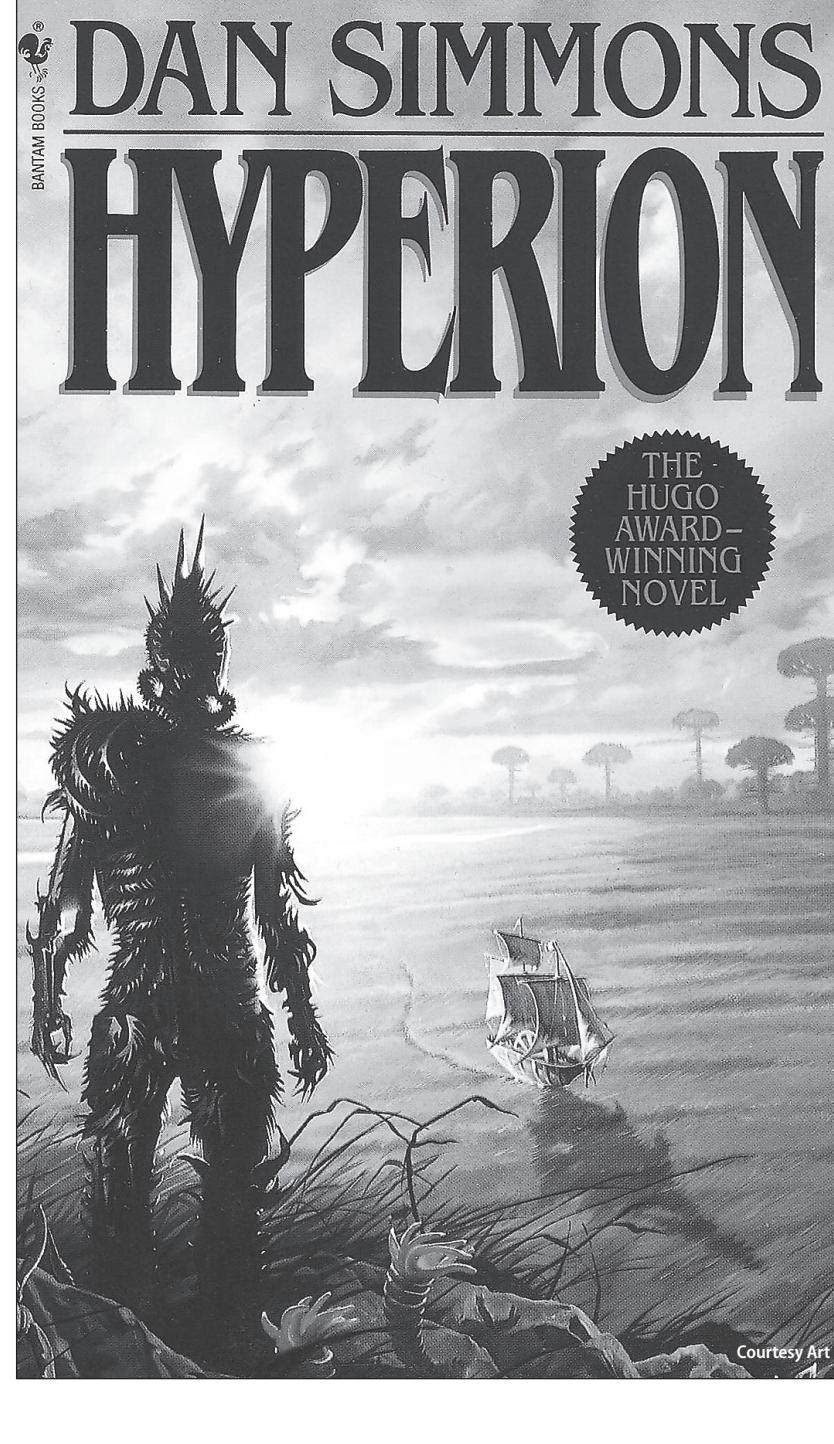
caring so much about the Time Tombs anymore, but wanting to know more about these people and the craziness that fate had flung them all into. Each of the stories are very different from one another and yet tie into each other. It's amazing to watch as the jigsaw begins to piece itself together and you see the connections being formed. By the time I got to the last tale, the Consul's, I felt like I was hanging on for dear life, watching a depth charge float ominously past the window.

My only complaint is the ending. It leaves questions unanswered that are, surely, waiting for me in the next book. The anticipation is killing me. Dan Simmons, I award you five out of five stars for "Hyperion," you beautiful, crazy quack.

**Karen Ingram is a junior in english. Please send comments to edge@espub.ksu.edu.**

### More by Dan Simmons:

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Courtesy Art

## 'Bieber Fever' is contagious; teen pop idol affects all ages

Sandi Lam  
Staff writer

Justin Bieber is arguably the most popular 16-year-old in the nation. His name is sprawled across magazine covers. His songs frequent radio airwaves. His posters are all over the walls of ... college students' rooms. People of all ages contribute to the craze over this young pop star. There is definitely something to be said about the Bieb's popularity; for some reason, he has paved way to our hearts singing "Baby" and has created a massive fan base that will, more than likely, line up for his new movie, "Never Say Never" that comes to theaters Feb. 11.

On Facebook, 19,965,845 people "like" Justin Bieber. This number is growing all the time. For die-hard fans, it is easy to understand why the star is such a hit, just like his songs. But for those who are

confused about why everyone around them seems to be down with "Bieber Fever", it is not a problem for fans to speak out and express their support.

"Justin Bieber is a big deal because he is younger so he is a sort of phenomenon," said Rhett Jones, junior in technical theater.

True, Bieber's success is impressive since he has accomplished so much so early in life. As did Britney Spears.

"Even boys have secret Bieber fever."

**Felicia Balestrere**

Junior, Interior Architecture

"If I was given a ticket to a concert I would go but I would never purchase one," Jones said. While there are similar fans who support the seemingly acclaimed child prodigy, there are others yet who follow him with the dedication of an avid Tweeter.

Felicia Balestrere, junior in interior architecture, demonstrated the enthusiasm of the aforementioned committed Justin Bieber follower.

"I like him because he is the cutest little ..." Balestrere said



before becoming flustered in her excitement.

Talking about the adorable celebrity tends to do this to people.

"Even if people act like they grow out of that kind of thing, they don't. Even boys have secret Bieber fever," Balestrere said.

This explains why there are Bieber fans and there are non-Bieber fans - the ones who claim to be non-Bieber fans are undercover.

When asked about the upcoming movie, Balestrere said, "Yes, I am going and I am not ashamed. I might go by myself. No one wants to go. I don't

know why."

With the fever continuing to sweep the nation, it may be a wise idea to simply submit to Justin Bieber's rise. Whether it is his music or his endearing appearance that captures the hearts of all types of people, fans like Balestrere, "love him and will always defend him."

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**Cancer June 21 - July 22**

Picking up a new hobby this time of year could be hard.



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Don't believe anything you hear or read today. Well, of course, with the exception of the Collegian.



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# TEACH' EM



Former guard **Kari Kincaid** played for the Wildcats from 2006-10. She is currently an elementary school teacher in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Kincaid uses hoops in school

Paul Harris  
senior staff writer

"She gave 110 percent every day." Those were the words sophomore guard Brittany Chambers used to sum up her thoughts of former K-State teammate, guard Kari Kincaid. Other current Wildcats and head coach Deb Patterson echoed Chambers sentiment.

Kincaid, now Kari Miller, graduated in 2009 and is currently teaching at O.H. Stowe Elementary in Fort Worth, Texas, where she recently became one of the most popular teachers in the school after winning a talent show.

"There was a staff wide talent show and I did a couple ball-handling drills," Kincaid said. "I have never been so popular in my life."

Though she's often busy with her teaching duties, Kincaid said she is busily trying to make basketball a priority in the heartland of football country.

"I started a basketball class after school," Kincaid said.

Kincaid is admittedly rusty, but her rust has not deterred students from seeking her out during recess. She has taught kids how to do simple ball-handling drills, including the "spider" drill.

While Kincaid, said basketball is the third most important aspect of her life behind her students and her husband, she said she still finds time to follow the team in Manhattan with which she once donned a purple jersey.

She added senior season was a disappointment, but her former coach said it was Kincaid's dedication and instruction that paved the way for this year's success.

"She taught them (Chambers and Taelor Karr) a lot of tough lessons," head coach Pat-

erson said. "Our team was not ready a year ago and now they are."

Her leadership and caring style made an impact, particularly guard Taelor Karr, who shared the locker room with Kincaid as a freshman.

"She was a great leader and she was always there for us," Karr said.

Kincaid says she is the team's biggest fan and even splurged on a CBS SportsLine package to follow her former teammates throughout the season.

"I am so excited for the girls and coaches," Kincaid said.

She was able to come back from the Wildcats' upset win against St. John's on Nov. 13, but said she disappointingly will not have time to travel back to Manhattan again this season.

To make up for her absence from Manhattan, Kincaid has posted Powercat logos all over her classroom. She also rewards her classroom for good behavior with K-State highlight videos.

"I am trying to make these kids trade in their TCU purple for K-State purple," she said.

The same energy she took to the court for four years has carried over to the classroom, as she said she has also used her basketball background to empower her students. She admitted it is a background that most teachers do not have, and it separates her from the pack.

"There are moments when I want to pull my hair out," she said. "But seeing their growth throughout the year is so rewarding. You've got to find out what clicks for them. You have to always want their best."

So, just one year removed from K-State, Kincaid is still teaching and still embarking life lessons. Only this time, her pupils are a bit less crafty with a basketball.

## CURRENT BIG 12 WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Team	Big 12	Overall	Next Game
Baylor	8-0	21-1	at Nebraska
Texas A&M	7-1	19-2	vs. Oklahoma
Oklahoma	7-2	17-5	at Texas A&M
<b>K-State</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>16-5</b>	<b>vs. Texas</b>
Iowa State	4-4	16-6	at Kansas
Texas	4-4	15-7	at K-State
Texas Tech	3-5	16-6	at Oklahoma St.
Colorado	3-6	12-10	vs. Texas Tech
Missouri	3-6	11-12	at Oklahoma
Nebraska	2-6	12-10	at Colorado
Kansas	2-7	15-8	vs. Iowa State
Oklahoma St.	1-7	13-8	vs. Texas Tech

# "UNBELIEVABLE"

Chambers discusses success in 2011, recent Big 12 Conference recognition

Justin Nutter  
sports editor

**Brittany Chambers** is a sophomore guard on the K-State women's basketball team. She currently leads the team with 15.4 points per game and is second with six rebounds per game. In the Wildcats' 60-55 overtime win at Missouri on Feb. 5, the native of Jordan, Minn., scored a career high 27 points en route to Big 12 Player of the Week honors. Chambers recently sat down to discuss a variety of topics, including K-State's improvement from last season to this, and her goals for the rest of the year.

**Q: Before the Big 12 Conference season started, did you think you'd have six league wins at the halfway point?**

**A:** Six wins? Yeah, but not six wins already. It's unbelievable what we're doing right now. The way our team is playing this early in conference season, it's really fun. It's something that we really ever got to last year at all. We're not scoring the most, we're not doing anything the most in the conference. We're just finding a way to win. It doesn't matter what's thrown at us. We're just finding a way to do it.

**Q: Where would you say this team is compared to this time a year ago?**

**A:** You can't even compare it. Last year, not only were we not meshing together, but we didn't know how to win. We couldn't figure out what we needed to do, how we needed to do it. The coaches tried everything with us, but we just couldn't get it together. This year, I feel like we've found ways to win. I think that it just comes with the toughness.

**Q: Coming off a career day at Missouri, how much would you say you've grown in the last year and a half?**

**A:** I've grown a lot. Like I've said before, last year, there's no way I would have scored this many. I wasn't having the greatest night shooting in the middle. I started off with a couple layups, but besides that, I couldn't score to save my life. Last year, I would have just been down immediately.

**Q: What were your immediate thoughts on your Big 12 Player of the Week selection?**

**A:** I've gotten Freshman of the Week before, but I've never gotten Big 12 Player of the Week overall. It's a great honor, but I'm just glad we got the win.

**Q: Before the season, you and Taelor Karr were billed as tandem in the backcourt. Would you agree with that assessment?**

**A:** Very much so. I think we're very different in how we play, but we play off each other. I think the things I can't do, I feed off her to do, and things that I maybe do a little bit better, she feeds off me. We just read each other

well. It's fun to play with her. She's just a great athlete and she reads things well.

**Q: Shalee Lehning said recently that you remind her a lot of former K-State guard Kimberly Dietz. Did you ever get to see Dietz play and would say that's a fair comparison?**

**A:** I saw her play in one game only, and that comment is unbelievable to me. I don't consider myself at her level or even close, but to be compared to her is definitely an honor.

**Q: Lehning also once compared Taelor's playing style to her own. Would you agree with that?**

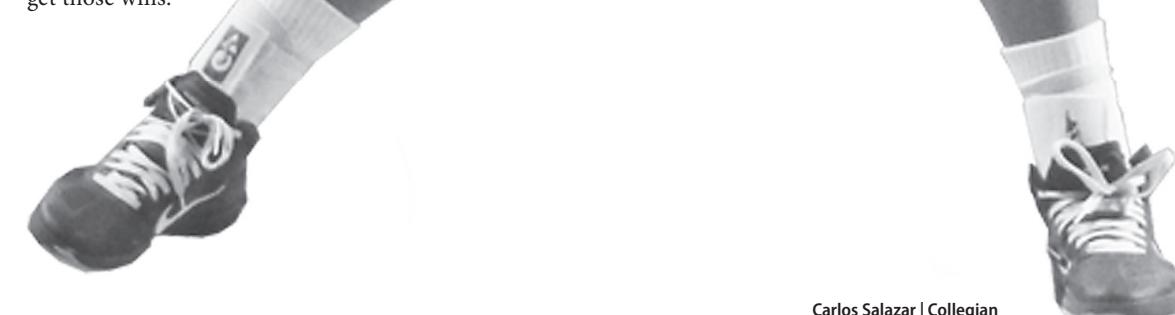
**A:** Very much so. Taelor's got a tough, tough personality. On the court, it doesn't matter who we're playing. That's her enemy. It's a great attitude to have because it motivates her every game.

**Q: Has the possibility of a postseason appearance been talked about very much in the locker room?**

**A:** We've been thinking about it all year. I don't really think it's an option at this point for us. We are going to make it. I don't know when or how we're going to do it, but I don't think there's a doubt that we're going to make it.

**Q: What are some of the team's goals for the rest of the regular season?**

**A:** Definitely, we want to hit that 20-win mark. It's coming up and that's something we have to do for sure. I think we just want to keep where we are in the Big 12. If we can keep where we're right at, it will be an unbelievable season. We'll just keep doing what we have to do to get those wins.



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## Texas coach praises K-State improvement

Justin Nutter  
sports editor

K-State's rise back to the top third of the Big 12 Conference standings hasn't gone unnoticed, particularly by the Wildcats' next opponent.

Texas head coach Gail Goestenkors, who led the Longhorns to a 62-41 win over Deb Patterson's squad last season in Austin, said she thinks last season's woes were at least partially due to the loss of guard Shalee Lehning, who had graduated the year before.

"When you lose a great point guard and tremendous leader like Shalee Lehning, there's going to be a void," Goestenkors said in a conference call on Tuesday. "I think last year, you saw the void. There just wasn't that same leadership that you had with Shalee. Shalee willed her team to win. She would find a way

to help her team win. I think last year, at times, they struggled with that."

Now two years removed from Lehning's departure, the Wildcats have taken on a new look.

Even from an outsider's perspective, Goestenkors said she can notice a sense of ownership in the 2010-11 edition of the K-State roster, particularly from a pair of underclassmen.

"This year, I think Brittany Chambers, I think Jalana Childs, I think those kids are saying 'OK, this is truly our team,'" she said. "We're going to run the show. We're going to make sure we get the shot we need, when we need it."

GAIL GOESTENKORS



Goestenkors' Longhorns will bring four-game conference win streak into Bramlage Coliseum tonight, while Patterson's Wildcats have reeled off five straight wins in league play. Additionally, K-State hasn't lost at home this season, as it boasts an 11-0 record in Manhattan.

The Texas head coach said she can tell K-State is a much improved team from a year ago, and she expects a struggle on both ends of the floor.

"Brittany has become that go-to player like Shalee was. She's totally in control of the offense and the tempo of the game," she said. "They're

really smart (defensively). They play position defense and they play personnel, so if a kid is shooting, they're not out there guarding them. I think they do a great job. Very intelligent basketball team on the defensive end."

Excluding tonight's meeting, the two teams have squared off on the hardwood 20 times. Texas currently holds a slim 11-9 advantage in the all-time series.

Goestenkors, who is in her fourth season with the Longhorns, is currently 1-2 against K-State. Patterson, who arrived in Manhattan in 1996, is 8-6 all-time against Texas, including one win in the Big 12 Tournament. The Wildcats' last win against the Longhorns came on March 4, 2009, when then-unranked K-State upset No. 16 Texas at home, 66-50.

Tipoff for tonight's game, which will be televised regionally, is set for 7 p.m.

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# TEACH 'EM



Former guard **Kari Kincaid** played for the Wildcats from 2006-10. She is currently an elementary school teacher in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Kincaid uses hoops in school

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"She gave 110 percent every day." Those were the words sophomore guard Brittany Chambers used to sum up her thoughts of former K-State teammate, guard Kari Kincaid. Other current Wildcats and head coach Deb Patterson echoed Chambers sentiment.

Kincaid, now Kari Miller, graduated in 2009 and is currently teaching at O.H. Stowe Elementary in Fort Worth, Texas, where she recently became one of the most popular teachers in the school after winning a talent show.

"There was a staff wide talent show and I did a couple ball-handling drills," Kincaid said. "I have never been so popular in my life."

Though she's often busy with her teaching duties, Kincaid said she is busily trying to make basketball a priority in the heartland of football country.

"I started a basketball class after school," Kincaid said.

Kincaid is admittedly rusty, but her rust has not deterred students from seeking her out during recess. She has taught kids how to do simple ball-handling drills, including the "spider" drill.

While Kincaid, said basketball is the third most important aspect of her life behind her students and her husband, she said she still finds time to follow the team in Manhattan with which she once donned a purple jersey.

She added senior season was a disappointment, but her former coach said it was Kincaid's dedication and instruction that paved the way for this year's success.

"She taught them (Chambers and Taelor Karr) a lot of tough lessons," head coach Pat-

erson said. "Our team was not ready a year ago and now they are."

Her leadership and caring style made an impact, particularly guard Taelor Karr, who shared the locker room with Kincaid as a freshman.

"She was a great leader and she was always there for us," Karr said.

Kincaid says she is the team's biggest fan and even splurged on a CBS SportsLine package to follow her former teammates throughout the season.

"I am so excited for the girls and coaches," Kincaid said.

She was able to come back for the Wildcats' upset win against St. John's on Nov. 13, but said she disappointingly will not have time to travel back to Manhattan again this season.

To make up for her absence from Manhattan, Kincaid has posted Powercat logos all over her classroom. She also rewards her classroom for good behavior with K-State highlight videos.

"I am trying to make these kids trade in their TCU purple for K-State purple," she said.

The same energy she took to the court for four years has carried over to the classroom, as she said she has also used her basketball background to empower her students. She admitted it was a background that most teachers do not have, and it separates her from the pack.

"There are moments when I want to pull my hair out," she said. "But seeing their growth throughout the year is so rewarding. You've got to find out what clicks for them. You have to always want their best."

So, just one year removed from K-State, Kincaid is still teaching and still embarking life lessons. Only this time, her pupils are a bit less crafty with a basketball.

## CURRENT BIG 12 WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Team	Big 12	Overall	Next Game
Baylor	8-0	21-1	at Nebraska
Texas A&M	7-1	19-2	vs. Oklahoma
Oklahoma	7-2	17-5	at Texas A&M
<b>K-State</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>16-5</b>	<b>vs. Texas</b>
Iowa State	4-4	16-6	at Kansas
Texas	4-4	15-7	at K-State
Texas Tech	3-5	16-6	at Oklahoma St.
Colorado	3-6	12-10	vs. Texas Tech
Missouri	3-6	11-12	at Oklahoma
Nebraska	2-6	12-10	at Colorado
Kansas	2-7	15-8	vs. Iowa State
Oklahoma St.	1-7	13-8	vs. Texas Tech

# "UNBELIEVABLE"

Chambers discusses success in 2011, recent Big 12 Conference recognition

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**Brittany Chambers** is a sophomore guard on the K-State women's basketball team. She currently leads the team with 15.4 points per game and is second with six rebounds per game. In the Wildcats' 60-55 overtime win at Missouri on Feb. 5, the native of Jordan, Minn., scored a career high 27 points en route to Big 12 Player of the Week honors. Chambers recently sat down to discuss a variety of topics, including K-State's improvement from last season to this, and her goals for the rest of the year.

**Q: Before the Big 12 Conference season started, did you think you'd have six league wins at the halfway point?**

**A:** Six wins? Yeah, but not six wins already. It's unbelievable what we're doing right now. The way our team is playing this early in conference season, it's really fun. It's something that we really ever got to last year at all. We're not scoring the most, we're not doing anything the most in the conference. We're just finding a way to win. It doesn't matter what's thrown at us. We're just finding a way to do it.

**Q: Where would you say this team is compared to this time a year ago?**

**A:** You can't even compare it. Last year, not only were we not meshing together, but we didn't know how to win. We couldn't figure out what we needed to do, how we needed to do it. The coaches tried everything with us, but we just couldn't get it together. This year, I feel like we've found ways to win. I think that it just comes with the toughness.

**Q: Coming off a career day at Missouri, how much would you say you've grown in the last year and a half?**

**A:** I've grown a lot. Like I've said before, last year, there's no way I would have scored this many. I wasn't having the greatest night shooting in the middle. I started off with a couple layups, but besides that, I couldn't score to save my life. Last year, I would have just been down immediately.

**Q: What were your immediate thoughts on your Big 12 Player of the Week selection?**

**A:** I've gotten Freshman of the Week before. I've never gotten Big 12 Player of the Week overall. It's a great honor, but I'm just glad we got the win.

**Q: Before the season, you and Taelor Karr were billed as tandem in the backcourt. Would you agree with that assessment?**

**A:** Very much so. I think we're very different in how we play, but we play off each other. I think the things I can't do, I feed off her to do, and things that I maybe do a little bit better, she feeds off me. We just read each other

well. It's fun to play with her. She's just a great athlete and she reads things well.

**Q: Shalee Lehning said recently that you remind her a lot of former K-State guard Kimberly Dietz. Did you ever get to see Dietz play and would say that's a fair comparison?**

**A:** I saw her play in one game only, and that comment is unbelievable to me. I don't consider myself at her level or even close, but to be compared to her is definitely an honor.

**Q: Lehning also once compared Taelor's playing style to her own. Would you agree with that?**

**A:** Very much so. Taelor's got a tough, tough personality. On the court, it doesn't matter who we're playing. That's her enemy. It's a great attitude to have because it motivates her every game.

**Q: Has the possibility of a postseason appearance been talked about very much in the locker room?**

**A:** We've been thinking about it all year. I don't really think it's an option at this point for us. We are going to make it. I don't know when or how we're going to do it, but I don't think there's a doubt that we're going to make it.

**Q: What are some of the team's goals for the rest of the regular season?**

**A:** Definitely, we want to hit that 20-win mark. It's coming up and that's something we have to do for sure. I think we just want to keep where we are in the Big 12. If we can keep where we are right now, it will be an unbelievable season. We'll just keep doing what we have to do to get those wins.

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